

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The following remarks are responsive to the Final Office Action mailed December 2, 2005.

35 USC §102 Rejections

Claims 1-5, 7, 9, 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kronstadt et al (4,725,945). The Office Action states in its response to Applicant's arguments that Figure 4 shows the RAS and CAS signals as being bidirectional and therefore must carry data. Applicant asks the Examiner to review Figure 4 and notice that Figure 4 does not depict RAS and CAS as being bidirectional. Therefore, the basis for the Office Action's rejection is based on an incorrect observation/assumption. Therefore, Applicant resubmits the arguments made in the previous response, stating that because RAS and CAS of Kronstadt do not carry data, they cannot anticipate Applicant's claims. Accordingly, Applicant submits claims 1, 7 and 12 and the claims that depend therefrom are in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

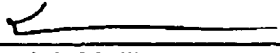
Claims 10 and 14 are rejected under 35 USC §103 (a). However, these rejections are moot in light of the above amendments and arguments pertaining to claims 1, 7, and 12. Accordingly, Applicant submits claims 1, 7 and 12 and the claims that depend therefrom are in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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